

FANATICS FIGHT WITH POLICEMEN

Officer Is Killed, While Four Others Are Probably Fatally Wounded.

ADAM GOD IS LEADER OF A BLOODY BATTLE

Hundred Shots Exchanged When Effort Is Made to Stop Preaching in the Streets of Kansas City—Religious Maniacs Goaded Into Frenzy.

KANSAS CITY, December 8.—In the shadow of the City Hall a riot, in which religious fanatics and policemen were participants, and during which 100 shots were fired, this afternoon resulted in the death of Policeman A. C. Dabow, probably fatally injured four and slight injuries to two other persons.

Those probably fatally injured are John Sharp, known as Adam God, a street preacher; Michael Mullane, a patrolman; Lola Pratt, thirteen years old; and Patrick Clark, a police sergeant.

Harry Stege, a policeman, and George M. Holt, a probation officer, were also hurt.

The trouble occurred while the streets were crowded. While the fight was in progress the participants traversed an entire block.

Alleged Abduction. Probation Officer Holt of the Juvenile Court, to-day went to Fifth and Main Streets to investigate a case of alleged abduction. Near that corner he met John Sharp, known as Adam God, who was exhorting a crowd. With Sharp were A. J. Selzer, a woman and five children, ranging in age from three to fourteen years. Holt did not like the manner in which the woman attempted to get money contributions from the crowd, and he decided that she and her male companions were not proper persons to have the custody of young children.

The woman announced that she and "Adam God" would conduct services at Poor Man's Mission to-night, whereupon she and her companions started toward the mission. Officer Holt then moved away the crowd, and the woman immediately assumed an attitude of resentment, and replied that the officer "had better attend to his own business." "Adam God," who wears a long white beard and hair, threatened the officer. Officer Holt was not armed, but stood his ground until "Adam God" struck him a heavy blow behind the ear with a pistol, making an ugly wound. Holt then started for the police station for assistance. As Holt moved away the crowd threatened to shoot him, but the cartridge failed to explode.

Officer Holt rushed into the police station and announced that a band of religious fanatics, armed to the teeth, were at the threshold of the station, and he warned the officers to prepare for trouble. The sergeant in charge ordered Patrolmen Charles Dabow and Harry E. Stege to arrest Sharp and his followers.

Sharp and his companions were within fifty yards of the police station when the officers stepped into the street. The Sharps gave evidence of frenzy, and with profane abuse they served notice on all that they would preach right "under" the eaves of the police station, and the police cannot prevent us.

Volley of Bullets. The officers did not, however, expect serious trouble, and were not prepared for the volley of bullets which met them almost immediately after they appeared on the scene. Dabow was killed instantly, and a bullet passed through Stege's arm. Other officers, hearing the firing, rushed to the scene, and a general fight ensued. The officers refrained from shooting, for fear of endangering the lives of innocent persons.

Lieutenant Clark, who had come into the street unarmed, was shot in the eye, and Patrolman Mullane was shot in the back as he hurried into the police station for reinforcements. In the meantime a riot had broken out in all directions. Thoroughly aroused, the officers followed in on Sharp and his followers, firing as they went. When the firing ceased "Adam God" lay fatally shot through the head and body.

Woman Resists. It was later learned that Sharp's male companion was Lola Pratt, father of the five children. Pratt was arrested, uninjured. The woman and her children fled to a houseboat, in which they lived on the Missouri River. Fifty policemen followed them and found that the woman had barricaded herself in the houseboat. Standing on the boat with a shotgun, she shot at the officers: "Come on, you fellows." The boat was only a few feet from the bank of the river and several officers dashed toward it. The woman dropped her weapon and seizing two of the children sprang into a boat and began to row into the middle of the river. The officers called to her to stop, but she only plied the oars more vigorously. The policemen fired a volley at the boat. One shot struck Lola Pratt, tearing away the greater part of the child's face. She cannot live it is said.

The woman then surrendered. At the police station she said that she was Mrs. Pratt, wife of the companion of "Adam God," and mother of the wounded child.

Child Dies. Lola Pratt died to-night. Sergeant Clark is reported to be at the point of death, while Patrolman Mullane may not live until morning.

Are "Holy Rollers." OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., December 8.—James Sharp, styling himself "Elijah II," at the head of a party of religious fanatics calling themselves "Holy Rollers," first appeared in Oklahoma City in March, 1905. Sharp, his wife, a young man named Green and a boy said to have been Sharp's son, all made a profession of their followers one cold day in March, 1905, and attempted to parade the town.

They were allowed to go to the free provided they left the city. They (Continued on second page.)

TAFT THE EXCEPTION

Only President of United States to Hold Two Offices.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 8.—President-elect Taft will be the only President of the United States to hold at the same time the office that position another office at the head of one of the country's great national independent organizations.

At the annual meeting of the American Red Cross Society, Mr. Taft was unanimously re-elected president. He accepted the office after he had been assured by the nominating committee that they had secured from the Judge Advocate-General of the Army the opinion that it would be entirely legal for him to retain the presidency of the Red Cross at the same time he is acting as the nation's chief executive.

Mr. Taft personally presided over the meeting of the Red Cross Society during the afternoon.

Resolutions were passed directing action to amend the charter to further protect from trade usage the Red Cross insignia and to change the date of the annual meeting so that it will not fall on the date Congress meets.

Mrs. Russell Sage, in recognition of her services and the gift of \$25,000 to the society, and Dr. Louis Klopsch, of the Christian Herald, for his work in organizing the China flood relief and executing it in the name of the society, were unanimously elected honorary members.

It was proposed to elect Mr. Taft an honorary member, but when his name came up he took exception to this action, declaring that he felt that it would be a reflection on the active membership, whereupon his name was withdrawn.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected, as follows: President, William H. Taft; Vice-President, R. W. DeForest, of New York; Treasurer, Beekman W. Thompson, of New York; Secretary, Charles L. Magee.

COUNCIL ADJOURNS

Denounces Divorce Evil and "Mad Hilarity" of National Council.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., December 8.—The first Federal Council of the National Council of American Organizations, organized to further the movement of unity of action among the Protestant denominations in spreading the gospel, adjourned to-night at 11 o'clock.

The resolutions were adopted in opposition to increased armament by the nations of the earth. A feature of the address by Professor Henry Wade Rogers, of Yale, was to advise that the time was at hand for obligatory arbitration of disputes. He deplored the Christian attitude of the United States against building the largest, swiftest and deadliest battleship.

The resolutions presented by the committee on international relations were unanimously adopted.

The report of the committee on family life was also adopted. Resolutions were passed to advise the National Divorce Congress, the American Bar Association and the Interchurch Conference of Ministers and Bishops to preserve the sanctity of the marriage vows were commended.

Attorney General Clegg was called to a statement that the sixteen American battleships now encircling the globe carry only five chaplains, and President and Congress to increase the number so as to meet the spiritual need of the men of the fleet.

E. B. Sanford, of New York, was elected corresponding secretary. The committee authorized by the council yesterday to call upon President-elect Taft to congratulate him upon the attitude which he has personally assumed toward the use of strong drink and praying him to give the influence of his high office to the promotion of sobriety throughout the nation, is as follows: Bishop Hendrick, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, president of the council; Bishop Charles T. Russell, Episcopal Church, United States; Rev. Dr. William H. Roberts, Presbyterian; Bishop Lobert, Moravian; Rev. Dr. Wayland B. Hoyt, Baptist; and Rev. Hays Ward, Congregationalist.

END IS IN SIGHT

Verdict in Davis Trial Will Probably Come To-night.

OMAHA, Neb., December 8.—The end of the trial of Charles E. Davis, charged with the murder of Dr. Frederick T. Rustin, will probably come to-night. Deputy State Attorney Ellick and Associate Counsel Woodruff concluded their arguments this afternoon. The defense attorneys, John A. Keilher, of Massachusetts, and counsel for the defense, and State Attorney English will make the final arguments to-morrow night or Thursday.

The prosecution presented its rebuttal testimony to-morrow. This evidence was intended to impeach some of the defense's witnesses. The entire afternoon was given up to arguments.

SUIT FOR SLANDER

Hobson Demands \$20,000 From Congressman Keilher.

BOSTON, Mass., December 8.—It was officially announced to-day that action for alleged slander returnable in the United States Circuit Court February 1, 1909, in which \$20,000 damages are claimed, has been brought by Congressman Richmond Pearson Hobson, of Alabama, against Congressman John A. Keilher, of Massachusetts. The alleged remarks which caused the action were made this fall following a visit to this city of Captain Hobson, who spoke for Joseph A. Conner, Minister of War and Marine General, at a meeting of the prohibition movement made no headway.

He gave statistics showing that the revenue collected from the liquor trade of the country pays for the War and Navy Departments and the postal regulation of the business.

WITHDRAWAL POSTPONED

Troops Will Not Be Taken From Cuba, According to Program.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 8.—The withdrawal of the American troops from Cuba will run into April. According to this program, American troops will be available for service in the provisional government of the island and for a reasonable time subsequent thereto, so that if disorders arise they will be on hand for duty. One transport will be used in bringing the troops back to the United States, and they will be landed at such ports as may be most convenient for them to reach the stations to which they may be assigned. The first of the troops will sail from the island January 1st.

DIPLOMAT CAUGHT WHEN AUTO TURNS

Senior Barrios, Guatemalan Minister, Pinned Under Wreckage and Fatally Hurt

CARRYING WREATH TO WASHINGTON'S TOMB

His Companions, Dr. Herrarte and General Drummond, Badly Hurt—Car Turns Somersault When Chauffeur Attempts to Pass Buggy—Came to Thank This Country.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 8.—Senior Don Juan Barrios, Guatemalan minister of foreign affairs, who is in Washington on a special mission for his government, was possibly fatally injured, and Dr. Don Luis Toledo Herrarte, Guatemalan minister to the United States, and General John Drummond, a wealthy coffee planter in South America, were badly hurt in an automobile accident late today.

The diplomats were riding in a heavy touring car, when it turned turtle just after passing over the highway bridge into Virginia, the occupants being hurled beneath the car and pinned under the tonneau. When they were extricated they were apparently unconscious and were bleeding freely from face and scalp wounds.

George Starling, the chauffeur, who was driving the machine at swift speed, escaped with bruises about the head and legs.

Condition Critical. Senior Barrios, who was removed to the Emergency Hospital in an ambulance, with the three other occupants of the car, is suffering from concussion of the brain, and is supposed to have sustained a fracture of the skull, aside from internal injuries.

Late to-night he is still unconscious, and the physicians say his condition is critical.

Dr. Herrarte was badly cut about the face and body, but his condition is not serious. He was removed to his apartments in the Highlands, and will be under special treatment.

General Drummond suffered lacerations of the face and head. When the accident happened the party was proceeding toward Mount Vernon, and Senior Barrios was carrying a massive wreath of evergreens, smilax and green leaves to place on the tomb of Washington, at the special request of President-elect Taft.

As the automobile left the bridge which spans the Potomac, it was almost dusk, and the chauffeur started down the turnpike at a rapid pace. After the car had proceeded about fifty yards, it came upon a small bumpy road, where a horse and carriage, driven by an unknown young woman, fashionably dressed. The chauffeur swerved to the right, but the front wheels smashed against a slight obstruction. Then the car turned a somersault.

The injured occupants and sent for an ambulance.

Dropped \$3,000. Dr. Herrarte regained consciousness on his way to the hospital, and suddenly realized that about \$3,000, some of which was a gold, had dropped from his pocket during the accident.

The surgeons notified the police, who went to the scene and recovered nearly \$2,000 of the money. A small crowd attracted by the accident had entirely dispersed when the police arrived.

Efforts to locate the young woman, driving the rig thus far have been unsuccessful.

News of the accident spread rapidly through the diplomatic corps, and soon messages of inquiry began pouring into the hospital, to which the victims of the accident had been taken.

Senator Barrios, accompanied by his secretary, Senator Francisco Sanchez Latour, has been in Washington a short time to thank the President for various acts of cordiality expressed by the president to identify Guatemala.

The Guatemalan legation to-night called President Cabrera, of that country, a report of the accident.

General Drummond is fifty years of age, a Guatemalan, but formerly a resident of Alabama.

It was at first thought a large amount of money, which the foreign minister had in his possession, had been lost, but at the hospital one of the nurses found the money in his pockets.

RECEIVES A GAVEL. Made From Stone in Which Lincoln Is Said to Have Sold Liquor.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 8.—President-elect Taft, at the National Liquor League of the United States, at today's session of the sixteenth annual meeting of the organization, being held in this city, was presented by the Illinois delegation with a gavel made from a log said to have been taken from the log store in Illinois in which Abraham Lincoln, it was said, sold liquor.

The report of the secretary, Robert J. Hays, declared that in Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, South Dakota, Rhode Island, Minnesota and Tennessee the stores of the prohibitionists were being burned, and the prohibition movement made no headway.

He gave statistics showing that the revenue collected from the liquor trade of the country pays for the War and Navy Departments and the postal regulation of the business.

SIMON APPOINTS CABINET. He Assumes Presidency, and All's Quiet at Port-au-Prince.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, December 8.—General Antoine Simon, who has assumed the presidency of Haiti, has appointed the following cabinet: Minister of the Interior, General Hippolyte; Minister of Finance, Luders Chapoteau; Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Claude; Minister of Public Works, M. Evillard; Minister of War and Marine, General Roland; Minister of Justice, M. Magny.

All is quiet at Port-au-Prince, and there have been no reports to-day of trouble anywhere.

The Day in Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 8.—The business of both houses of Congress was confined to-day largely to listening to the reading of the President's annual message, the introduction of a few bills were introduced both in the Senate and the House, and the House adjourned at 2 o'clock.

In addition the Speaker announced the appointment of Mr. Higgins, of Connecticut, to a place on the Committee on the Judiciary in place of Mr. Littlefield, and of Mr. Martin to a place on the Committee on Indian Affairs in place of Mr. Parker, deceased.

At first time during the present Congress there was a call of the committees of the House, but no measure was reported by any of them.

The miscellaneous work of the Senate consisted in the main of the reference in executive session of about 1,000 bills and resolutions, which were to-day sent to the Senate by the President, and the adoption of resolutions of respect on account of the death of General John D. Edwards, a wealthy coffee planter in South America, who was badly hurt in an automobile accident late today.

The House adjourned at 2 o'clock and the House at 2:35.

KILLS HIS CHILDREN

Then Crazy Man Runs Through Town Shooting at People.

WAKEFIELD, MASS., December 8.—Becoming suddenly and violently insane, a man, who is a resident of this town, to-day killed his two daughters, Florence, aged fifteen, and Catherine, aged seven, and then ran amuck through the town, shooting at persons he met on the street and firing into the windows of the stores that he passed.

Fortunately, only one person was injured by Badger during his mad rush down Main Street, Frederick Wheeler, a grocer's clerk, received a painful wound in the leg.

Badger was pursued by a crowd of townspeople, who finally captured him and turned him over to the police.

From the nature of Badger's ravings at the police station, the officers were of the opinion that his sudden madness was due primarily to jealousy.

Mrs. Badger, the mother of the murdered children, who had been away from home on a brief visit, returned to-night. She got her first news of the tragedy through reading of the paper.

The body of the girl was taken to the Cambridge jail this evening and placed in a padded cell.

DELEGATES GATHER

Many Notables Will Address Rivers and Harbors Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 8.—Delegates to the fifth annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, which convenes here to-morrow, are flocking to this city by the hundreds.

Many notable men will participate in the proceedings. Representative Joseph E. Russell, of Louisiana, president of the Congress, will call the gathering to order. Cardinal Gibbons will deliver the invocation, and Vice-President Fairbanks will welcome the delegates on behalf of the government.

Captains of industry, among them Andrew Carnegie, and foreign diplomats will be heard. Ambassador James Bryce, of Great Britain, will speak of England's water highways, and Ambassador Nabuco, of Brazil, of those of his country.

An interesting adjunct will be the first annual convention of the Woman's National Rivers and Harbors Congress. Mrs. Hoyie Tomkins, of Shreveport, La., will preside.

Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the President will receive the delegates to the congress at the White House.

SEEK QUARTET OF ROBBERS

Bound and Gagged Defiance Man and Got Away With \$100.

TOLEDO, O., December 8.—The authorities of three Northwestern Ohio counties—Lucas, Wayne and Defiance—are to-day searching for a quartet of robbers, who early this morning entered the residence of John Budd, a retired merchant at Defiance, bound and gagged Mr. Budd, broke into his private safe with a crowbar, and escaped with \$100.

The four burglars made their way to Deshler, Henry county, in a rig, and while waiting there for a train for Toledo, endeavored to make a run with the town officers. Many shots were exchanged, and it is believed that one of the burglars was injured.

Defiance and Henry county officers are also on a man-hunt.

PANTHER AT COLOMBO

Battleships of American Fleet Will Reach There Monday.

COLOMBO, Ceylon, December 8.—The American cruiser, Panther, arrived today from Cavite. The Panther precedes the American battleship fleet, under the command of Rear Admiral Sherry, which left Manila December 1st. The sixteen warships are due here next Monday, and the municipality and the mercantile community are perfecting plans to entertain the fleet.

The American officers and men. The town has voted an appropriation for entertainment of the fleet, and the men on duty excursions into the interior of Ceylon; baseball matches will be arranged, and the officers will be given the freedom of the clubs.

RUMOR IS DENIED. Talk of Action Looking Toward Discharge of Receivers.

BALTIMORE, Md., December 8.—A general meeting of the receivers and executive officers of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company was held to-day. The presence of Messrs. Samuel C. Hays, of New York, and Mr. E. H. Hays, of Richmond, attorneys for the receivers, gave rise to rumors that some action looking to a discharge of the receivers and a reorganization of the property was being considered.

This was denied, it was said that these lawyers attend these receivers' meetings at least once a month, and were only here to advise as to the legal steps in the operation of the property.

WEATHER. Fair and Warmer.

NEWSPAPER FOLK ORGANIZE HERE

Times-Dispatch Correspondents in Two States to Form Unique Order.

NOTABLE SPEAKERS DOWN ON PROGRAM

Men and Women Who Write Virginia and Carolina News to Exchange Ideas, See Plant in Operation and Enjoy Social Event.

WRITERS for the news columns of The Times-Dispatch from the cities, towns and counties of Virginia and North Carolina will assemble in the convention hall of Murphy's Hotel at noon to-day for the formation of the first newspaper association of its kind in America. A number had gathered in the lobbies of the hotels last night, and acceptances already received show that 150 or more will be in attendance at the meeting to-day.

While the newspaper writers of many of the large centers of the country have formed clubs for social and other purposes, no such organization has been formed to unite in a single organization the writers of news for a single newspaper, scattered over a series of information in two States. Such an organization, while formed for mutual pleasure and profit, will be a wonderful demonstration of the efficiency and capability, as well as the progressiveness, of the leading newspaper of the South.

Dr. Lofton's Clear Idea. The idea, as stated in the mind of Dr. Lofton, a physician of Emporia, Va., correspondent for this paper from that town and surrounding country, Dr. Lofton, as a young man, saw active newspaper service in the office of a physician, and later taking up the study of medicine, in which he has achieved some distinction, having a large general practice, as well as being the physician retained by two railroad companies and the corner of his country.

True to his first love, however, Dr. Lofton still feels the joy of newspapering, and notwithstanding his other duties, finds an opportunity to cover the news of his locality for The Times-Dispatch in a manner alike creditable to his skill and energy.

Impressed with the idea of uniting into an association, with annual conferences, the correspondents widely scattered, often working alone and without the daily touch and advice of a similarly employed, and at points remote from the headquarters of the newspaper, Dr. Lofton has entered into correspondence with many of the leading writers for this paper, the result being the call for the general meeting to open to-day.

Many Social Features. Social features will have a prominent place in the program, one of the chief advantages to be gained, according to the organizers, for the informal conference and the exchange of experiences. Another feature, which bids fair to eclipse all others in interest to the visitors, especially to those who have not before had the opportunity of visiting a modern newspaper plant, will be the issue of a "Correspondents' special," the plan being to run off an extra issue of The Times-Dispatch to-night in the full view of the visitors, facilities being given them to see every part of the making of a paper from copy writing to mailing the finished product.

The "extra" will be issued after the general meeting to-night. Adjournment about 10 o'clock will bring all members of the association to the building shortly after that hour, and on their arrival the system by which a paper is produced will begin. No effort will be made for record speed, as in the case of news extras, as it is desired that all should see and have explained to them the processes of making a paper.

A story will be written, corrected and edited, with headlines and sub-heads, and the copy goes up in the type to be divided into "takes" for the typesetting machines, the visitors will be taken to the composing room, where all may see the linotypes in operation and witness the assembling of the copy and the making up into pages. Meanwhile, in another room, the art department will be working on pictures taken during the afternoon, developing and printing the negatives.

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GO ON RECORD

Roosevelt and Taft in Favor of Bond Issue.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 8.—President Roosevelt and President-elect Taft publicly put themselves on record to-day in advocacy of the issuance of government bonds for the construction of permanent public improvements, and the conservation of the natural resources of the nation.

President-elect Taft presided at the joint conservation meeting this afternoon at the Belasco Theatre in this city, at which President Roosevelt made the principal address. Mr. Roosevelt, in his address, urged the approval for the carrying out of expert plans for conservation of the nation's resources.

An audience which filled the theatre, and which included Andrew Carnegie, John Mitchell, Senators, Congressmen and the Governors of several States, applauded every sentiment expressed.

The joint meeting brought together the members of the Conservation Commission and their helpers, the delegates to the great Southern Commercial Congress, the members of the United States Congress, and others interested in working out a comprehensive plan for making the most of the lands, minerals, forests and waters that belong to the public domain of the United States.

Will Be Believed. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 8.—The Third Congress, Coast Artillery Corps, will be relieved from duty at Fort Moultrie, S. C., and will proceed about December 15, 1908, for Fort Hamilton, N. Y., for station.

Best Service to California. Via Washington-Sunset Route. Tourist tickets berth \$2.50. Office, 220 N. Main St.

WANT TARIFF COMMISSION

Declared that Ninety Per Cent. of Manufacturers Desire It.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 8.—An executive meeting was held by the House Ways and Means Committee to-day, presumably for the purpose of selecting the names of those witnesses who will testify at the tariff hearings before the committee. While nothing was given out, it was understood that those who will testify are especially desired by the committee are James Van Cleave, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, Charles Adams, of Boston; representatives of the meat packers, the wool industry, the tariff revision, the steel industry, and manufacturers of various articles in relation to which the committee has received no testimony.

A tariff hearing was held by the committee to-day, and another has been set for Thursday. In order to get an early start on the consideration of the new tariff bill, it is believed that the majority members of the committee will meet to-morrow as a subcommittee to take the first active steps in framing the bill.

Miles on Stand. Herbert M. Miles, of the tariff committee of the National Association of Manufacturers, resumed the stand to-day. He continued his arguments for tariff revision, and pointed out the duties which Mr. Miles claimed can be reduced materially are those imposing a tariff on sugar, and on hides.

The witness then told the committee that 90 per cent. of the manufacturers want a tariff commission or bureau to handle the revision of the tariff.

Repeating to this suggestion, Chairman Payne said there was no greater danger in the tariff revision than in the revision of the tariff. "I am confident," said the chairman, "that the men engaged in business want to know that tariff revision is being handled in a fair and equitable manner, and not subject to changes."

Representative Underwood, Democrat, of Alabama, agreed with Mr. Payne to the inadvisability of having a tariff commission.

"Isn't the difficulty that the manufacturers have experienced in the past due to the fact that Congress has passed a tariff law and refused to consider the changes in the tariff for a decade or more?" asked Mr. Underwood.

BOTH FOUND DEAD. Murder Suspects Die as Result of Killing and Suicide.

TRINIDAD, December 8.—Maggie Garcia, eighteen years of age, and Francisco Martinez, who was suspected of having murdered four members of the Garcia family last week, were found dead yesterday twenty miles west of the Garcia ranch, near a stream called Rio de los Arinos, county.

Both had been shot. Apparently Martinez murdered the girl and then committed suicide. The bodies of the Garcia family were found at their home last Friday night, their heads having been split open by bullets.

The Sunday night in a lonely canyon, and a guard was established over the place. Finding escape cut off, it seems that Martinez killed his companion, whom apparently he had abducted after murdering her parents and then killed himself. Martinez had no horses, and had forced the girl to walk with him to the place where they were found.

Martinez was pardoned a year ago from the New Mexico penitentiary at Santa Fe, where he was serving a term for theft. His attentions had been refused by Maggie Garcia, and he had been ordered away from the Garcia ranch, eighty-five miles from Trinidad, in an isolated region. The quadruple murders at the ranch and the disappearance of the girl and Martinez followed.

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Norfolk Man Throws Transportation Company Into Court. NEW YORK, December 8.—As the result of a Federal suit against the company brought by George B. Hudson, of Norfolk, Va., Judge Ward, in the United States Circuit Court here, to-day appointed Joseph H. Choate, Jr., receiver for the New York and Albany Transportation Company. The company, during the summer, had operated the freight and passenger steamboats Saratoga and Frank Jones between New York and Albany. The appointment of the receiver was asked for the protection and preservation of the property of the company, which the papers filed admits is insolvent.

George P. Hudson owns \$155,000 out of the company's total capital stock of \$250,000, and more than half of the \$200,000 bonds issued by the company. He claims aggregating \$10,000 for money loaned and advanced. He charges in his suit that the company had issued promissory notes, now long past due, and had been insolvent, which to pay the bonds, and had been insolvent. It also had defaulted interest on its bonds, the complainant charges.

The line's earnings last year were \$95,000, the complainant states, and the operating expenses \$85,000. The total number of passengers carried by the two boats was 50,000.

EIGHT INDICTMENTS

Night Riders Must Answer for Murder of Rankin. UNION CITY, TENN., December 8.—Eight indictments, charging alleged members of the night rider band of Reel and Lake with murder in the first degree, were returned at a grand jury late to-day, the indictments alleging that the eight men named had a part in the actual putting to death of Captain Quentin Rankin at Walnut Log on the night of October 18th.

All of the men indicted to-day are under arrest, and their cases will be called for trial to-morrow. The defense, however, will doubtless get a delay.

NOT CAST DOWN

Governor Johnson Expresses Abiding Faith in Democracy. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 8.—"I do not think the leaders of the Democratic party are cast down by defeat, and if they are right, as I think they are, they will win eventually."

Thus Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, expresses in an interview his abiding faith in Democracy. "I think the Democratic party is in a better position than it was before the campaign opened. I am of course unable to say what caused the result to be what it was. Mr. Bryan was much misunderstood and was purposely misrepresented. There was lack of organization in the Democratic party and a unity of organization in the Republican party. It is always so much easier for the party in power to win."

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